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SUBJ: STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS ON VIETNAM

REF: A) SAIGON 584; B) STATE 11516; C) SAIGON 553

1. GVN NOTE DATED JANUARY 16 TRANSMITTED REF A WILL BE MADE PUBLIC HERE MORNING JANUARY 18. WE BELIEVE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SHOULD VOLUNTEER COMMENT THAT WE SUPPORT THE IDEA IN THIS NOTE OF REQUESTING A REPORT BY THE ICCS ON THE SITUATION IN PHUOC LONG AS AN APPROPRIATE REMEDIAL MEASURE UNDER ARTICLE 7A OF THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM. WE BELIEVE THIS OPPORTUNITY SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN BY THE SPOKESMAN TO NOTE THAT WE ALREADY HAVE REPORTS FROM REFUGEES FROM PHUOC LONG TELLING OF THE SHOOTING OF 20 INDIVIDUALS ATTEMPTING TO FLEE FROM THE FIGHTING. SPOKESMAN COULD FURTHER EXPRESS OUR SHOCK THAT THIS INCIDENT IS ONLY ONE EXAMPLE OF A GENERAL POLICY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES ARE FOLLOWING OF UTILIZING THEIR FIREPOWER TO FORCE THE REFUGEES TO REMAIN IN TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY RATHER THAN PERMITTING THEM TO FLEE TO GVN-

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CONTROLLED AREAS AS THEY DESIRE.

2. WE NOTE THE PRESS GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF B CONCERNING THE SWISS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "PRG" OFFICE IN GENEVA DOES NOT INCLUDE THE STRONGER LANGUAGE WE HAD PROPOSED IN PARA 6 OF REF C. WE STILL THINK SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS, LIKE THE SWISS ANNOUNCEMENT, SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO PLACE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPENING OF THIS OFFICE CLEARLY ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE UN WHICH REQUESTED ITS ESTABLISHMENT. WE SHOULD NOTE THE INHUMANE NATURE OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM CASTS DOUBT ON THE ALLEGED HUMANITARIAN MOTIVES OF THE "PRG".

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